

## **Exhibit A**

### **Revised Island County Code Chapter 17.02B**

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### Island County Critical Areas Regulations

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#### Designation, Classification and Mapping

##### **17.02B.200 - Fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.**

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- C. Mapping: Map sources showing the approximate location and extent of FWHCA include, but are not limited to critical areas maps adopted or commissioned by the county, such as maps included in the Island County Comprehensive Plan, FWHCA Best Available Science and Existing Conditions Report (the Watershed Company and Parametrix, 2014), and WDFW Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) maps, as most recently updated. These maps are to be used as a guide for the county, project applicants, and/or property owners and will be periodically updated as new critical areas are identified. They are a reference and do not provide a final critical areas designation. In the event of a conflict between FWHCA mapping and the designation criteria outlined above, the designation criteria shall control.

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##### **17.02B.201 – Western Toad.**

- A. Western toad breeding sites, as documented by scientifically verifiable data from WDFW, or a qualified professional, shall be protected through the County's wetland and stream critical areas regulations, presently codified in Title 17.

##### **17.02B.210 - Wetlands: Reserved.**

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##### **17.02B.220 - Geologically hazardous areas: Reserved.**

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#### Evaluation and Protection Standards

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##### **17.02B.430 - Protection standards—Other fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.**

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- D. Buffers shall be established adjacent to FWHCA as necessary to protect the ecological integrity, structure and functions of the resource from development induced impacts. Buffer widths shall reflect the sensitivity of the species or habitat present and the type and intensity of the proposed adjacent human use or activity.
- E. The director shall determine the appropriate buffer for FWHCA other than streams based on best available science and the following guidance:

<b>Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Area</b>	<b>Buffer Requirement</b>
Areas with a primary association with endangered, threatened, and sensitive species	Buffer shall be based on management recommendations provided by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife PHS Program and shall consider site-specific conditions and recommendation of qualified professional.
State natural area preserves, natural resource conservation areas, and state wildlife areas	Buffers shall not be required adjacent to these areas. <del>These areas are assumed to as long as these areas</del> encompass the land required for species preservation. <del>The director may impose a new buffer or increase the applicable buffer if it is determined that a proposed development would infringe on or inhibit use of the entire property for species preservation.</del> <u>The Planning Department shall confirm the public agency establishing and managing the area has included sufficient land within their buffers to ensure no net loss of habitat functions and values. If buffers are required, they shall reflect the habitat sensitivity and the type and intensity of activity proposed to be conducted nearby.</u>
Species and habitats of local importance	The need for and dimensions of buffers for approved species and habitats of local importance shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the director according to adopted habitat management plans for the specific resource (section 17.02B.500).

- F. If in reviewing the BSA and proposal, the county determines that impacts to a protected species or habitat may occur as a result of a proposal, a habitat management plan (HMP) may be required. An applicant may either use a standard HMP maintained by the county (if available) or may choose to complete an HMP for a site-specific analysis to better determine the impact to habitat and to determine the appropriate buffer width for the proposed

development based on the site-specific analysis. The preparation and submission of this report is the responsibility of the applicant and subject to approval by the county. The report shall rely on best available science and shall be prepared by a qualified professional.

- G. The HMP may be combined with the BSA. The HMP must be consistent with the management recommendations adopted by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the specific attributes of the affected properties, such as, but not limited to, property size and configuration, surrounding land use, and the practicability of implementing the HMP, and the adaptation of the species to human activity.
- H. Standard habitat management plan. Where the county has developed a standard HMP, the applicant may either accept and sign the standard HMP or prepare his or her own HMP pursuant to section 17.02B.430.D. and E. From time to time as the lists of protected species and species of local importance are amended, the county may develop additional standard HMPs, modify adopted standards; and/or delete HMP requirements.

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#### **17.02B.510 - Designated habitats and species of local importance.**

Habitats and species of local importance and protected species that have been approved for designation by Island County include:

##### **A. Protected species list—Flora:**

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>State Status</b>	<b>Federal Status</b>
Agoseris elata	tall agoseris	sensitive	
Sericocarpus rigidus	white-top aster	sensitive	species of concern
Castilleja levisecta	golden indian paintbrush	endangered	listed threatened
Circuta bulbifera	bulb bearing water hemlock	sensitive	
Fritillaria camschatcensis	black lily	sensitive	
Meconella oregana	white meconella	threatened	species of concern
Puccinella nutkaensis	Alaska alkaligrass		

B. Species and habitats of local importance list:

Scientific Name	Common Name	Protected Area	State Status	Federal Status
Ardea herodias	Great blue heron	Nest sites		
Pandion haliaetus	Osprey	Nests		
Dryocopus pileatus	Pileated woodpecker	Nest sites		
Cygnus buccinator	Trumpeter swan	Foraging habitat		
Whidbey Island Game Farm/Au Sable Institute	Not applicable	Property		

C. Prairie and Oak Woodlands, to the extent outside SMP jurisdiction:

1. Deception Pass SP-Goose Rock
2. West Beach/Ebey's Landing Golden Paintbrush Site
3. West Beach – non-native grassland
4. West Beach road – Unsurveyed Grassland
5. Ebey's Bluff
6. Grasser's Hill (including area locally known as Schoolhouse Prairie
7. Naas (admiralty Inlet) Natural Area Preserve
8. Fort Casey State Park Golden Paintbrush site
9. Penn Cove Road
10. San de Fuca schoolhouse
11. Smith Prairie, including Au Sable Institute
12. South Smith Prairie

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